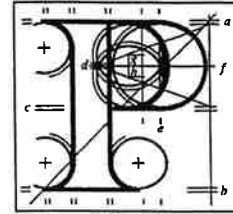


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**An
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Damien Kilgannon
IDA Ireland
Athlone Business and Technology Park
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Date: 6th June 2019

Re: 10 year permission for opera site re-development including a mixed use scheme of primarily offices, supported by a range of retail and non-retail services, cafes/restaurants, licenced premises, apart-hotel, civic/cultural uses (including a city library in the existing town hall), residential, refurbishment of existing protected buildings and open space.
Site bounded by Michael Street, Ellen Street, Rutland Street, Patrick Street and Bank Place, Limerick.

Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with conditions.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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16 May 2019

Re: Submission in Support of Opera Site Development, Limerick City Planning Application

Dear Sir/Madam,

IDA Ireland wishes to make a submission in support of a planning application, Ref. PL91 .304028 for the Opera Site re-development including a mixed use scheme of primarily offices, supported by a range of retail and non-retail services at Limerick.

IDA Ireland is the State agency with responsibility for winning and fostering FDI for Ireland. FDI covers the full spectrum of activities including manufacturing, research, development, innovation and global business services, which result in significant capital investment and employment creation by FDI client companies in Ireland.

The FDI sector has been a key contributor to Ireland's economic performance over the past number of years and has had an important impact on the economy. It has provided critical support to Ireland's GDP, employment base and Government revenue. The impact of this success is tangible with €19.26bn expended by FDI companies on payroll, Irish sourced materials and services in 2017, €5.7bn expended on capital expenditure and €1.8bn on in-house research and development. In 2018, IDA Ireland recorded the highest level of employment across the FDI client base in its history, with employment recorded at 229,057 people (10.2% of total employment in Ireland). For every ten jobs created by FDI in Ireland, 8 more jobs are generated in the wider economy. This translates into 412,302 jobs supported directly and indirectly by FDI.

The ongoing competitive and timely supply of large-scale commercial office space in traditional office locations is of paramount importance in continuing to attract and win FDI. Locations must have the ability to meet multinational client requirements in what is an ever evolving and competitive global environment for FDI. Clients require access to strong and robust business centres with an adequate population base, access to skillsets, industry clusters, sub supply environment, infrastructure and property. Ongoing investment by the private sector in quality and affordable commercial office space at scale is therefore of strategic national importance.

The re-development of Limerick's central business district and specifically the Opera Site has the potential to accommodate many FDI investments and enhance Limerick and Ireland's position globally as a location of choice for FDI.

Yours faithfully,

Damien Kilgannon - Head of Property